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OVERHAUL OF INDIAN METEORLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
Purandeswari Smt. Daggubati

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to an article appearing in the Times of India dated January 3, 2005 wherein a strong case has been made out for a thorough overhaul of the Indian Meteorological Department in the wake of Tsunami disaster; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Overhaul of the India Meteorological Department both by way of further training of personnel and upgradation of equipment has been under discussion even before Tsunami. The Ministry of Science & Technology is in the process of finalizing a detailed action plan, which will be taken up for implementation shortly.